Dr. A. G. Menon.—How do you know that the publication of the agreement will not serve any public interest ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—That is the the opinion of the Government.

President.—In the opinion of the Government it does not serve. In the opinion of others, it might serve.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is there any complaint brought about this contract by the Publishing Company in the Cochin State ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—I have no official information about any complaint.

The inspection work of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in 1101.

338. **Dr. A. G. Menon.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the names of the Hospitals, Dispensaries, Asylums and Markets the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer inspected in the year 1101 with dates and hours spent in each;

(b) in how many cases the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer deputed his son to do his (father's) work of inspection, etc. ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) A statement containing the information available is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*) Hours spent in each institution cannot be given as there is no system of noting the same.

(b) In no case.

The Secretary to the Board of Examiners.

339. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is a fact that, early in Chingam 1102, in reporting on the necessity for reconstituting the Board of Examiners, its Secretary Mr. S. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar, made a request to be relieved of the Secretaryship ;

(b) whether he has stated any reason for doing so ;

(c) if the answer to sub-section (b) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state them before the House ;

(d) whether these reasons stated by Mr. Ayyar still hold good ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The reason, as he stated was, that he had plenty of work to do as Principal of the College.

(d) Yes, in large measure.

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340. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform the following.—

(a) who is the officer to recommend to the Government the candidate to be appointed Secretary to the Board of Examiners ;

(b) whether the Director of Public Instruction recommended Mr. T. K. Sankara Menon or Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar for the Secretaryship, after Mr. Ayyar had tendered his resignation ;

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Government on the Directors' recommendation, and, if so, what ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the present incumbent has been ordered to continue as Secretary to the Board of Examiners in spite of his request to be relieved ;

(e) if the answer to sub-section (d) be in the affirmative, the reasons for the same ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) The Director Public Instruction.

(b) Yes.

(c) Mr. S. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar has been ordered to continue for another year.

(d) Vide answer to (c).

(e) Government considered that he could well continue as Secretary for another year.

341. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in view of the fact that Mr. S. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar is combining within himself the following personalities, viz.—

(a) the Principal of the College,

(b) the chief Professor of Physics,

(c) Warden of Hindu, Christian and Ezhuva Hostels,

(d) Members of the Senate, the Academic Council, the Council of the Affiliated Colleges and the Examining Board in Physics of the Madras University,

(e) President of the several committees, sub-committees and unions in and out of the College, etc., etc., it is not better in the cause of efficiency to relieve him immediately of the Secretaryship of the Board of Examiners as he has himself asked for it ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Government do not think so.

342. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Has the attention of the Government been drawn to a note regarding the matter in *the* '*Sathianadam*' on page 2 of its issue dated 21st Thulam 1102

Mr. C. Matthai.—Government have perused the note,

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343. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table applications, formal or otherwise, if any, which they have received for the Secretaryship of the Board of Examiners, after Mr. S. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar intimated his desire to be relieved of the post ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The following are the applicants:—

Messrs. P. S. Ramakrishna Ayyar
,, P. Sankaran Nambiyar
,, T. K. Sankara Menon
,, K. Narasimha Pai
,, Kerala Varma Tampuran

The Government consider that no public interests will be served by placing the applications on the table.

344. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what are the qualifications which they deem necessary for filling the post of the Secretary to the Board of Examiners ;

(b) whether any of the applicants had not the requisite qualifications ;

(c) whether it is not a fact that Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar has previous experience as a member of the Board of Examiners?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) & (b). No special qualification has been prescribed.

(c) Yes.

345. **Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

A. (1) if Mr. S. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar, Principal of the Maharaja's College, requested the Government early in Chingam last to be relieved of his office of "Secretary to the Board of Examiners;"

(2) on what grounds he made the said request ;

(3) whether competent applicants had not applied for the expected vacancy ;

(4) whether the Director of Public Instruction made any suggestions or recommendations in the matter, and, if so, what they were ;

(5) whether the Government had any reason to think that Mr. Subrahmanya Ayyar's aforesaid request was not made *bona fide* ;

(6) why the matter was delayed so long, and how it has been disposed of ;

B. will the Government be pleased to place all the relevant papers of the file on the table ?

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Mr. C. Matthai.—A(1) & (2). Vide answer to parts (a) and (c) of question No. 339.

(3) Vide answer to question No. 343.

(4) Vide answer to part (b) of question No. 340.

(5) No.

(6) There was no long delay. (Vide also answer to part (c) of question No. 340.)

B. Exhaustive information on the subject has already been furnished. Government do not deem it necessary to place the papers on the table.

Members of the Board of Examiners.

346. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it has been the practice in the past to take in all the Principals of Colleges in the State as members of the Board of Examiners ;

(b) whether the Principal of the only Girls' College in the State was recommended by the Director of Public Instruction for a membership in the Board ;

(c) whether the Director's recommendation has been given effect to; and if not, the reasons for the same ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) There has been no rigid uniformity in the practice followed.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Examiners and Assistant Examiners for the S. S. L. C. Examination.

347. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether examinerships for the S. S. L. C. Examination of the State are given to those outside the Educational Department when there are qualified men in the department itself ;

(b) the number and names of those who have been taken from outside the department as Examiners and Assistant Examiners with their respective occupations ;

(c) whether Mr. P. Padmanabha Menon, M. A., B. L., Chief Court Vakil and Legislative Assistant to the Government Advocate, has been an Examiner or an Assistant Examiner for the Cochin S. S. L. C. Examination ;

(d) if the answer is in the affirmative, the period for which he has been an Assistant Examiner or Examiner, and the total amount of remuneration he had drawn up-to-date as an Examiner or Assistant Examiner ;

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